

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7, and 13-16 are in this application.

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,543) in view of Minoura (U.S. Patent No. 6,323,883), Proehl (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,589), and Rasansky et al. (U.S. Patent 5,960,406).

The present claims have been amended to recite "including a start time and a channel of each accepted broadcast program occurable within a respective month to be displayed on the single display screen of the respective month of calendar information" (Claims 1 and 5-7) As shown in Figure 5, the present invention displays both the start time and the channel for broadcast programs scheduled on the monthly calendar. Further, the claims have been amended to clarify that "the reservation information is a recording reservation for recording the broadcast program or a viewing reservation for viewing the broadcast program." (Claims 1 and 5-7) Hence, the monthly calendar can be used to schedule broadcast programs for recording or simply as a viewing reminder.

It is respectfully submitted that the applied combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl and Rasansky does not specifically disclose the above-identified features as recited in present claims.

Specifically, Wehmeyer discloses an electronic program guide having a user reminder functionality in Figure 6. However, Wehmeyer fails to disclose a monthly calendar showing broadcast programs scheduled for viewing and/or recording as in the present invention.

Minoura discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling user information in Figure 6. However, Minoura is non-analogous art to the electronic program guide and broadcast program scheduling aspects of the present invention and therefore cannot be combined with the other cited references.

Proehl discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling broadcast program information in conjunction with an electronic program guide as shown in Figure 9. However, Proehl fails to disclose displaying a start time and a channel for scheduled broadcast programs as required in the present invention.

Like Minoura, Rasansky discloses a monthly calendar display for scheduling user information in Figure 16A. The Examiner points out that Rasansky displays the start time of a football game to meet the displayed start time of a scheduled broadcast program as in the present invention. However, Rasansky's start time is simply a reminder that the football game is being played; not that it is being broadcast or scheduled to be viewed/recorded as required in the present claims. In fact, Rasansky has no connection to an electronic program guide or scheduling broadcast programs. Accordingly, Rasansky is non-analogous art to the electronic program guide aspect of the present invention and therefore cannot be combined with the other cited references. Moreover, Rasansky fails to disclose displaying a channel of a scheduled broadcast program as recited in the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl and Rasansky fails to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

Claims 13-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, and Rasansky

in view of Kahl (U.S. Patent No. 5,936,625). However, Kahl is cited solely to meet the dependent claim limitations and fails to meet the same independent claim limitations discussed above in connection with Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, and Rasansky. Accordingly, for the above-discussed reasons, the combination of Wehmeyer, Minoura, Proehl, Rasansky and Kahl fails to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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